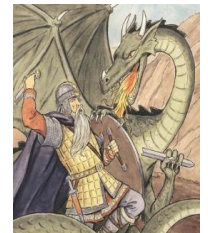


# Salesbury Super 6 Knowledge Organiser for Mercury Class (Y4/5)

## Learning Focus: **History** Enemy Attack: Anglo Saxons **Summer 1 2025**



Beowulf

A  
Legendary  
Hero!

### Key Knowledge to Learn

1

When the **Romans left Britain in AD 410**, they took their army with them, so the people had no one to protect them from attacks. Soon after, the **Anglo-Saxons** came from across the sea and began to settle, bringing their own kings, villages and way of life.

2

Around **AD 500**, people called the **Scots** came from **Ireland** and settled in the north-west of Britain, creating a kingdom called **Dal Riata** in what is now Scotland. At the same time, the **Anglo-Saxons** were arriving in the south and east of Britain.

3

When the **Anglo-Saxons** came from Europe and settled in Britain, they built **villages and kingdoms** in places like Cheshire and Lancashire. Many **place names**, like **Kirkby** ("church village") and **Ormskirk** ("Ormr's church"), come from their language and show where they once lived and farmed.

4

**Isobel Grant** was a **Scottish artist** who created beautiful **manuscripts**, which are hand-written books decorated with colourful pictures and fancy letters. Her artwork helped bring stories to life and made books look special, even though there were no printers at the time!

5

**Beowulf** was a mythical brave **warrior** from **Geatland** who travelled to help the people of **Denmark** fight a terrible monster named **Grendel**. His story is important because it teaches us about **courage, loyalty and heroism**, and it's one of the oldest and most famous stories from **Anglo-Saxon** times.

### Vocabulary

#### Invasion

An **attack** or **assault** by one group of people on another's land, often leading to settlement or control.

#### Kingdom

A **country or area** ruled by a king or queen, or in Anglo-Saxon times, by a **ruler** or **chieftain**.

#### Settlement

A place where people **establish a community** or build **homes** to live in.

#### Monastery

A building or complex where **monks** live, work and worship, often a centre for learning and **Christianity**.

#### Raids

**Surprise attacks or invasions**, often for the purpose of stealing goods, as the Anglo-Saxons sometimes did or defended against.

#### Saxon

A member of a group of people from **northern Europe** who settled in **Britain** after the **Romans** left.

#### Tribe

A group of people with a **common ancestry, culture or language**, often living together in a specific area.

#### Chronicle

A detailed account or record of **historical events**, often written down for future generations.

## You can find out more by accessing these links:

[BBC Learning - Who were the Anglo-Saxons? on Vimeo](#)  
[Life in Anglo Saxon Britain | The Story of Britain | BBC Teach – YouTube](#)  
[Invasion, Invasion, Invasion | Smashing Saxons | Horrible Histories](#)

[Mud and Matilda | Smashing Saxons | Horrible Histories – YouTube](#)  
[What Was Life Like? | Episode 3: Anglo-Saxons - Meet an Anglo-Saxon Warrior – YouTube](#)